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Quarry Falls plan revised; Fenton supports

Developers of the proposed Quarry Falls mixed-use project in Mission Valley have scaled back their plans and, in so doing, have won over a formidable opponent.

Tom Sudberry, president of the project developer Sudberry Properties, confirmed in late August that his firm has a tentative agreement with H.G. Fenton Co., the driving force behind a group called San Diegans for Responsible Planning. The organization, whose primary objective was to block or reduce the size of Quarry Falls, has shut down its operation and Web site.

"We came to a resolution of our differences that I think both sides are comfortable with," Sudberry said.

Under the compromise plan, which is scheduled to go before the San Diego Planning Commission Sept. 4 at 9 a.m., Sudberry has agreed to reduce commercial development at Quarry Falls by 25 percent, from 1.2 million square feet to 900,000 square feet. The residential plans would remain unchanged, calling for phased construction of 4,780 apartments, condominiums and single-family homes. The project, covering 230 acres north of Friars Road and Qualcomm Way, also would include parks, transit-oriented services and a charter school.

The Sudberry-Fenton agreement includes two other key revisions. When the project-generated traffic volume reaches 32,000 vehicle-trips a day – about 65 percent of the total increase anticipated – Sudberry says it would halt any further construction unless or until proposed interchange improvements at Friars Road and State Route 163 are under way.

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Aloha, Hawaiian darlings

These lovely Hawaiian girls were among hundreds of participants in the annual Na Mea Hana

Lima Hawaiian Cultural Fair at Mission Bay Park last month. See more on Page 3.



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Quarry Falls: Sudberry proposes water plant; critics still object

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And, in a significant new move to conserve water, Sudberry now intends to build a reclamation plant capable of processing 200,000 to 250,000 gallons of sewage a day, enough to irrigate all of Quarry Falls' parks and landscaping.

Fenton vice president Allen Jones said the revisions – and the agreement between the rival developers – would put Quarry Falls “on an easier path to approval.”

“We had raised a number of very serious questions about the feasibility and appropriateness of the project as proposed,” he said, “and I think our opposition would have raised substantial questions in the minds of the Commissioners and Councilmembers.

With or without Fenton's backing, many area residents remain opposed to Quarry Falls, mostly because of its traffic impacts, said Lynn Mulholland, chairwoman of the Mission Valley Community Council.

“With that project, you're going to have a line of cars that can be measured in miles” at key intersections, she said. “The traffic generates tons, several thousand metric tons, of particulate matter.”

Mulholland and others contend Mission Valley is overdeveloped and that no more construction should be allowed until the area's deficiency of parks, schools and fire stations are addressed.

Family Fun Day in Clairemont



After a performance by members of the Civic Dance Arts program at the annual Clairemont Family Day, Councilmember Frye embraced dancers Corley and Anna Mills and Andrea Feier, the dance specialist who oversees the program for the City. Donna and her staff had a booth at the Aug. 2 event to respond to residents' questions, concerns and suggestions.

Spirit & culture of Hawaii abound at local festival



Councilmember Frye shows off her plumaria leis and other traditional floral adornments.



This year's Miss Hui 'O Hawaii of San Diego, Mahealani Mansinon-Vicente, performs with other hula dancers.

Enchanting hula rhythms and dancers, charming artwork and crafts, and the aloha spirit of the islands visited the shores of Mission Bay last month at the Na Mea Hana Lima Hawaiian Cultural Fair.

The fair, which ran the weekend of Aug. 2-3, featured booths selling authentic Hawaiian arts, crafts and food, as well as workshops on hula, guitar, weaving and the creation of flower adornments, especially the traditional Lei. Councilmember Frye gave an official greeting.



All manner of traditional Hawaiian hulas were performed, including one by these young ladies in colorful island skirts.



Hui 'O Hawaii members come together for an invocation that launched the two-day event at the Mission Bay Boat & Ski Club.



Frye, Sanders, community leaders applaud upgrade of Balboa Ave. median



Councilmember Frye joined Mayor Sanders, members of the Balboa Avenue Citizens Advisory Committee and other City and community leaders July 30 to celebrate completion of the Balboa Avenue median improvement project. Patricia Hinkley, Chair of the Clairemont Town Council, also was on hand to present a check to Jade Fabares for her design of the art work along the fence.

Review of Civic Center plans could be delayed by probe

Centre City Development Corp. officials say a widening conflict-of-interest probe could delay presentations of plans for a new City Hall, Council Chambers and Civic Plaza.

The redevelopment agency had been tentatively scheduled to present Oregon-based developer Gerding Edland's design plans to the City Council's Rules Committee on Wednesday, Sept. 17, and full Council on Oct 21.

You can see Gerding Edlen's proposal at <http://www.ccdc.com/index.cfm/fuseaction/projects.civiccenter>.

As always, feel free to send your comments and questions to Councilmember Frye at donnafrye@sandiego.gov.

Any ideas on how City Council could work better for SD?

Ever thought the City Council could be run better if they'd just listen to you?

Councilmember Frye and Councilmember-elect Carl DeMaio are holding two upcoming town hall meetings, collecting governance reforms to propose to the new Council after the November election.

Wednesday, **Sept. 10**, 6-8 p.m.
Scripps Ranch Library
10301 Scripps Lake Drive

Saturday, **Sept. 20**, 9-11 a.m.
Salvation Army Fellowship
4170 Balboa Ave.



Plan proposes no further remediation of '94 fuel tank pollution

Residents have until mid-September to review and formally respond to a proposed plan for dealing with toxic pollution from underground fuel-storage tanks removed from a Mission Valley service station 14 years ago.

The plan before the San Diego County Department of Environmental Health calls for taking no more remedial action and instead letting Mother Nature continue filtering out the bad stuff on her own.

At issue is an Arco station and mini-mart at the southwest corner of Friars and Fashion Valley roads. County environmental officials have been monitoring the site since 1994, when five single-hulled tanks were replaced and more than 1,200 tons of contaminated soil were excavated and removed.

Sampling over the years has shown decreasing levels of hydrocarbons, benzene, methyl-tertbutyl ether (MTBE) and other pollutants. A "Corrective Action Plan" proposed in 2004 by Atlantic Richfield and its consultant, Secor International Inc. (now Stantec Consulting Corp.), called for "remediation by natural attenuation," which means allowing the toxins to dissipate through soil absorption.

However, concerns were raised about the pollutants and whether they had leached deeper than the groundwater being sampled. That could allow the toxic plume to migrate downhill toward a golf course just south of the station, potentially threatening the nearby San Diego River and groundwater sources.

Atlantic Richfield installed deeper monitoring wells, updated its data and now reports that it "is unlikely that the dissolved hydrocarbon plume has migrated vertically downward." The revised corrective plan makes the same recommendation as its 2004 predecessor: To leave things as they are.

The 250-page report can be reviewed at the Mission Valley Branch Library or online at http://www.geotracker.swrcb.ca.gov/esi/uploads/geo_report/8480972766/T0607301883.PDF. Written comments must be received by Sept. 16 and should be addressed to Wesley Rubio, County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health, P.O. Box 129261, San Diego, CA 92112-9261.

Additional information is available from Rubio, an environmental health specialist, at (619) 338-2371 or from Jack Oman, Atlantic Richfield environmental business manager, at (714) 228-6774.

Mission Valley Branch Library to close five weeks for renovations

The Mission Valley Branch Library will be closed for about five weeks beginning Sept. 15 for floor renovations.



The branch, which opened in 2002, draws more than 20,000 users per month, ranking its demand in the top third of the City's 35 branches, said Kathleen Wheatley, supervising librarian of the San Diego Public Library's Branch Libraries Division.

Worn-out carpeting is being replaced on the main floor and other areas of the 20,000-square-foot library, Wheatley said. Most of the \$52,700 project is being paid for with capital funds designated for the branch when it was built.

Several civic groups that meet regularly in its conference rooms have to find other venues during the library's closure. It is tentatively scheduled to reopen Oct. 20.



Frye joins Serra Mesa in celebrating Afghan Islamic Center opening



Councilmember Frye was an honored guest at the Aug. 2 Grand Opening of the Afghan Community Islamic Center in Serra Mesa. The Center, previously housed in leased spaces, was founded in 1994 to help Afghani immigrants assimilate in San Diego. It also provides religious services, financial assistance, education and community outreach. Its 12-member board purchased a former bank at 3333 Sandrock Road in 2006 but was unable to move in until this summer.

Three college students (and one little sister) asked to have their picture taken with Donna.



Councilmember Frye with the Board of Directors and other members of the ACIC, after she presented a commendation to the ACIC President Imam, Dr. Sayed Mahmood Gailani.

Colorful Mexican folk music event coming to Bayside Community Center

Enriching, enlightening and exotic is an alliterative way of describing the traditional *son jarocho* music from the Mexican state of Veracruz. In Spanish, "son" means folk music and "jarocho" is the style of music originating in Jarocho region surrounding the city of Veracruz on the Gulf of Mexico.

But you don't have to make an international journey to enjoy this exciting cultural experience. The Bayside Community Center, at 2202 Comstock St. in the heart of Linda Vista, will feature performances of this delightful folk music on the evening of Sept. 6, beginning at 6 p.m.

The occasion is the second annual San Diego *Encuentro de Jaraneros*, a musical/cultural event sponsored by the Department of Liberal Studies, MEChA, and the National Latino Research Center at California State University, San Marcos.

"If you like fiery rhythms and fast footwork, Mexican style, this is your event," said Jorge Riquelme, executive director of the Bayside center.

Complementing the musical performances, he said, will be a "fandango," a ritual celebration of dance and song which traditionally accompanies births, marriages, burials, holy days and other life milestones.

The Sept. 6 performances will feature guest artists Ana Zarina Palafax of Mexico City and Los Cultivadores Del Son of San Andres Tuxtla, Veracruz. Also performing will be Pa Sumecha of Mexicali, Tenocelomeh of Los Angeles, Son del Centro of Santa Ana and Enanoson of Valley Center. A \$10 donation is requested for adults; children younger than 12 are free.

In conjunction with the event, the Center will host music/dance/writing cultural workshops on Friday, Sept. 5, and Saturday, Sept. 6. For more information, contact Bayside Community Center at (858) 278-0771.



A house is expensive; learning how to buy one is free

First-time home buyers in the Linda Vista community are invited to a free seminar at the University of San Diego to "learn the answers to the questions you haven't even thought to ask from a panel of real-estate and financial experts."

The seminar is set for Thursday, Sept. 25, from noon to 1:30 p.m. (free lunch provided) at the Manchester Conference Center. Enter USD's West Entrance off of Linda Vista Road and ask the info-booth attendant for directions to nearby Lot 2 and the tram to the conference center.

FRYE LIGHTS: CELEBRATING THE DISTRICT SIX SPIRIT



Civic dance program teaches love of move & groove

For 65 years, the San Diego Civic Dance Arts Program has taught tens of thousands of children (and adults) the joy and exhilaration of dance. Nearly 2,900 students are currently enrolled at 24 recreation centers across the city.

Dancers, like those performing at right at the annual Clairemont Family Day in August, are schooled in ballet, jazz, tap and Irish- and musical-theater dance technique.

In addition to offering a variety of dance classes and programs, the Civic Dance Arts Program has summer and winter camps for all levels of dancers, ages 6 to 17.

Civic Dance Arts has been supported since the 1980s by the non-profit San Diego Civic Dance Association. Its legion of volunteers take on many ambitious projects, like the current drive to replace flooring at the Casa del Prado dance studios in Balboa Park. The association also sponsors dance clinics and workshops, offers student scholarships, organizes shoe fairs and helps to provide stage equipment and costumes.

For more information about the city's venerable dance organization, visit www.citydancearts.org or call (619) 235-5255.



SeaWorld San Diego Electronic Recycling Event

Protect the Environment

and Save Animals



What: Bring in your ... computers, TVs, cell phones, monitors, laptops and more.

We will not be accepting household and car batteries, items containing mercury, fluorescent light bulbs, washers/dryers, refrigerators, other large home appliances or household hazardous waste.

When:

Saturday, Sept. 13
8 a.m. to Noon

Where:

SeaWorld's east parking lot (H1),
with convenient access to South Shores Road entrance
Via Sea World Drive

Why: This recycling event will not only help protect the environment, but proceeds will benefit the San Diego Flyway Cities Coalition (FCC). The FCC is a collaboration of 35 local organizations and agencies working together to enhance wildlife habitats within the San Diego area.

This state-wide drop-off event is open to all California residents.

Participants will receive a coupon for \$10 off general admission (good for up to six guests) to SeaWorld San Diego valid through Dec. 25, 2008, plus, a \$20 coupon book from Fresh & Easy Neighborhood Market and a \$10 Lowe's starter card towards a purchase of \$25 or more. Limit one coupon pack per car.

***Proof of California residency required.**



SEPTEMBER @ The North Clairemont Library

North Clairemont Library
4616 Clairemont Drive, (858) 581-9931

Preschool Storytime, Music and Song
Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.



Friends of North Clairemont
Library Book Sale

Saturday, Sept 13 at 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Doctors Speakers Bureau presents:
"Coping with Arthritis"
Tuesday, Sept 16 at 2:30 p.m.



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Important Phone Numbers

Abandoned Vehicles	858-495-7856
Animal Regulation	619-236-4250
Beach & Bay Advisory	619-338-2073
Birth and Death Records	619-237-0502
Brush Abatement	619-533-4444
Building Permits	619-446-5000
Buses/MTS Access	619-233-3004
Canyon Watchers Program	858-292-6484
City Council Docket Info	619-533-4000
City Directory	619-236-5555
Community Service Center	858-581-4111
Code Violations	619-236-5500
Curb Maintenance	619-527-7500
Dead Animal Removal	858-694-7000
Dog Licenses	619-767-2675
Fire Stations	619-533-4300
Graffiti	619-525-8522
Hazardous Materials Hotline	858-694-7000
Housing Commission	619-231-9400
Humane Society	619-299-7012
Libraries	
Balboa	858-573-1390
Clairemont	858-581-9935
Linda Vista	858-573-1399
Mission Valley	858-573-5000
North Clairemont	858-581-9931
Serra Mesa	858-573-1396
Noise Regulation	619-236-5500
Office of Small Business	619-685-1390
Park and Recreation	619-525-8219
Parking Citations	619-236-7145
Police: Non-Emergency	619-531-2000
Pot Hole Hotline	619-527-7500
Recreation Centers	
Kearny Mesa	858-573-1387
Linda Vista	858-573-1392
North Clairemont	858-581-9926
Serra Mesa	858-573-1408
South Clairemont	858-581-9924
Tecolote	858-581-9933
Recycling Hotline	858-694-7000
Senior Citizens Services	619-236-6905
Serra Mesa Community Connection	858-565-2473
Sewer Repair/Spills	619-515-3525
Sidewalk Maintenance	619-527-7500
Stormwater Pollution Hotline	619-235-1000
Street Lights	619-527-7500
Street Sweeping	619-527-7500
Traffic Control	619-533-3126
Tree Maintenance	619-527-7500
Waste Reduction & Disposal	858-492-5010
Water Emergency	619-515-3525
Water Utilities	619-515-3500

District Six Community Meetings

Balboa Avenue Citizens Advisory Committee

Place: Clairemont Community Service Center
4731 Clairemont Drive
When: 4th Wednesday/Month
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Clairemont Town Council

Place: Clairemont High School Cafeteria
4150 Ute Drive
When: 1st Thursday/Month
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Clairemont Mesa Planning Committee

Place: Clairemont Senior Friendship Center
4425 Bannock Ave.
When: 3rd Tuesday/Month
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Kearny Mesa Planning Group

Place: Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library
9005 Aero Drive
When: 3rd Wednesday/Month
Time: 12:00 p.m.

Linda Vista Town Council

Place: Bayside Community Center
2202 Comstock Street
When: 3rd Thursday/Month
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Linda Vista Community Planning Committee

Place: Linda Vista Library
2160 Ulric Street
When: 4th Monday/Month
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Mission Bay Park Committee

Place: Rotating Venue
When: 1st Tuesday/Month
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Mission Valley Community Council

Place: Mission Valley Library
2123 Fenton Parkway
When: 3rd Wednesday/Odd Months
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Mission Valley Unified Planning Committee

Place: Mission Valley Library
2123 Fenton Parkway
When: 1st Wednesday/Month
Time: 12:00 p.m.

Serra Mesa Community Council

Place: Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library
9005 Aero Drive
When: 4th Wednesday/Month
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Serra Mesa Planning Group

Place: Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library
9005 Aero Drive
When: 3rd Thursday/Month
Time: 7:00 p.m.



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